

## DEMOCRATIC YEAR, ASSERTS CLAYTON

Chairman of Notification  
Committee Says Sentiment  
is for Bryan and Kern.

## NUMBER OF TRAVELING MEN AGAINST TAFT

Alabamian Declares That Rock-  
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moner Are Wild With  
Enthusiasm.

FAIRVIEW, LINCOLN, NEB., August 9.—Enthusiasm over the prospects of Democratic success in November, Representative Henry D. Clayton, of Alabama, chairman of the committee on notification of William J. Bryan, of his nomination for the presidency, arrived to-day. He was accompanied on the journey from St. Louis by Dr. J. W. McClure, of Sedalia, Mo., a member of the committee.

"I have every confidence in the election of Bryan and Kern," said Mr. Clayton. "The whole sentiment of the country is in that direction."

On the way to Lincoln from his Alabama home, Mr. Clayton engaged many men in conversation as to their political views. "I found a majority of those with whom I talked for Bryan," said he. "I met many traveling men, and only one declared himself out and out for the Republican candidates."

Mr. Clayton said that the "rock-ribbed" Democrats were not much interested in the election, because they intended to vote the Democratic ticket anyway. "But," he declared, "the men who have not heretofore voted for Bryan, and who purpose to do so this year, are the ones who are enthusiastic."

**Criticizes Taft's Speech.**  
Chairman Clayton criticized Mr. Taft's speech of acceptance for having, as he said, "dodged the Chicago platform." "That speech is weak and ineffectual," he declared. "The one fact, and that is that the Republicans have beat a retreat, and that they are on the defensive."

Feeling somewhat fatigued from his long journey, Mr. Clayton determined to postpone his visit to Mr. Bryan until tomorrow. The whole of to-day was spent by Mr. Bryan resting. The fact that he had performed no work of any kind to-day, but had lounged around the house, was commented on by the Democratic nominee. "I really feel very well," he said. "I never felt better in my life."

## CAMPAIGN FUND

How to Secure Half Million Is Now Being Considered.

CHICAGO, ILL., August 9.—Ways and means of financing the Democratic national campaign were discussed at length to-day at a meeting of Chairman Mack, of the national committee, Governor Charles H. Haskell, of Oklahoma, treasurer of the committee, Colonel Moses C. Wetmore, of St. Louis, chairman of the finance committee, and Millard F. Dunlap, of Illinois, formerly treasurer of the national committee.

The definite decision was reached, and the question of raising a fund of sufficient proportions to maintain an effective campaign will be brought up for solution at a meeting of the various heads of the subcommittees to-morrow.

Neither Governor Haskell nor Colonel Wetmore has formed any definite plan for raising a campaign fund, although both are confident that the committee will not lack funds to meet all legitimate expenses of a lively presidential contest. While the suggestion has been made that a fund of \$500,000 would be sought, both Governor Haskell and Colonel Wetmore declared that no definite sum had been settled on. After an informal discussion of the financial question to-day, Governor Haskell said:

"I have every confidence that the committee will obtain all the funds needed to wage a hard fight for Mr. Bryan, although as yet no plan has been determined. I have no appeals for money, but have already received \$15,000 which came unsolicited."

Colonel Wetmore said he would call a meeting of the finance committee at once to devise some way to procure money.

"This is a Democratic year," said Colonel Wetmore to-night, "and the Republicans will need dollars where we need dimes. Of course, the Republicans will get their funds from corporations, millionaires, and Federal office-holders, but as they always get money from those who have but little to spare, no matter how willing their spirit may be. If we can get money enough to carry on a good campaign, Bryan will be elected."

## ILLINOIS CANDIDATES

Names of Those Who Probably Were Named in Yesterday's Primary.

CHICAGO, August 9.—The results of yesterday's primary election, as far as it is accurate, in regard to State officers, is given in the following list:

Indorsed for United States Senator—Lawrence B. Stringer.

Nominated for Governor—Adlai E. Stevenson.

Lieutenant-Governor—B. A. Perry.

Secretary of State—X. P. Beldier.

Auditor—Ralph Jeffria.

Treasurer—J. B. Mount.

Attorney-General—R. C. Hall.

Republican State ticket:

Indorsed for United States Senator—Alvin J. Hopkins, or George E. Foss.

Governor—Charles S. Deneen (returns incomplete).

Lieutenant-Governor—J. G. Oglesby or F. L. Smith.

Secretary of State—James A. Rose.

Auditor—J. S. McCulloch.

Treasurer—Adlai E. Stevenson.

Attorney-General—William H. Stead.

**Vote Not Counted.**  
Twenty-four hours after the polls closed it was impossible to give accurate returns on the vote for sena-

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## WASTED 20 YEARS OF LOVE

Woman Says She Was Jilted, and Wants \$10,000.

SELINS GROVE, PA., August 9.—A three-day-old honeymoon was rudely disturbed to-night when Miss Rebecca Metz, thirty-eight years old, filed suit for breach of promise of marriage against her neighbor, William Meisberger, the most prominent member of the school board of Coal Township, Northumberland county. She asks \$10,000 to be paid to her for her feelings.

Meisberger and Miss Metz became acquainted twenty years ago. Each was enthusiastic in the admiration of the other, and in several days they became warm friends. Together they spent their evenings at the Metz home, and in two years were engaged to wed. Miss Metz alleges. The jilted woman sorrowfully remembers the oft-repeated declarations of love made by Meisberger. But this sworn merely rectified his love. Miss Metz was waiting to be led to the altar.

Recently he met a woman in Ashland, courted her a little while, and Thursday married her. Meisberger was at the height of his conjugal happiness, receiving congratulations from friends at his home, when a stranger also grasped his hand and extended his compliments by arresting the new bride. He gave her the key to his appearance in court to explain why he shattered Miss Metz's love dream.

## THAW'S EXPENSES

Prisoner Tells How Hundreds of Thousands Were Spent.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., August 9.—From his cell in the county jail here, Harry Thaw, to-night gave out the following statement concerning the claims filed against him by various lawyers, which he asserted, forced him into bankruptcy.

"In this morning's paper, I read that Mr. O'Reilly makes a claim for more money. That is a matter for former Governor Stone, my counsel in Pittsburgh, to decide. There seems to be no reason for me to discuss the different claims, and, therefore, I have nothing more to say, except regarding one."

"The sums already expended and the names of the lawyers and others to whom I paid the money, were clearly stated in the newspaper. There is only this much to add: Besides the heavy total of about \$417,500, I have paid out myself, my mother paid out, my physician and mother paid out, \$147,500 additional. Mr. Harridge, making \$105,000 received by his firm prior to April 16, 1907.

My mother also made a present of \$25,000 to me. This made, with his actual fee paid by me, \$50,000 in all that he received for his able services. Mr. Delmas's bill for expenses was less than \$1,000, and is included in the \$20,150 item for detectives and sundries."

## POLITICAL TANGLE

Judge Taft Will Be Asked to Untangle West Virginia Republicans.

WEST VIRGINIA, SPOKESMAN, W. VA., August 9.—The acute Republican problem in West Virginia is to be made the subject of a conference at Hot Springs, where William H. Taft reaches there to-morrow. Both the Swisher and Scherr factions will be represented. Swisher is the regular Republican nominee for Governor, and Scherr is running for the same office at the head of an independent Republican faction. Each wing has made application for the support of the Republican national committee, and the pilgrimage to Mr. Taft's headquarters is for the purpose of getting a decision. Efforts have been made by each faction while Mr. Taft has been here to get him to identify himself with one side or the other, but he has positively refused to become involved.

The delegation representing the State which will go to Hot Springs to-morrow includes Senators Elkins and Scherr, Representatives Elkins, Gainer, and Messrs. Swisher and Scherr.

## RACING WITH DEATH

Two Boys Overtaken and Killed by Train on Bridge.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., August 9.—More than a score of men and women stood on the banks of White River, near Indianapolis, to-day, to witness an afternoon race between Hubert Staley, seventeen years old, and John Weston, nineteen, run a frantic race with death for 200 feet across the Monon railroad bridge. The race was a losing one for the boys, for before they had reached the end of the structure, were hurled to death by a passenger train.

A companion of the boys, Herbert Jenkins, eighteen years old, reached the end of the bridge a few seconds ahead of the speeding train.

Young Staley was carried 200 feet down the track, his body scattered along the right of way, while Weston's body was thrown down the embankment.

## ON SHORT WATER RATION

People in Coal Region Must Save the Precious Fluid.

POTTSVILLE, PA., August 9.—Not for twenty-five years have the drought conditions in Schuylkill county been so bad as to-day. The water has passed since there was a soaking rain, and all the streams and springs have dried up. The situation is so bad on the Broad Mountain that a half-dozen collieries have had to suspend operations for want of steam purposes. The coal corporations have started to put on water trains for their collieries, and in many towns the citizens have been put on a restricted domestic water supply.

## FOANOKE DENTIST CHARGED WITH AN UGLY CRIME

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

ROANOKE, VA., August 9.—Dr. William S. Gregory was placed under arrest to-day, charged with attempted criminal assault. He was notified that it had been decided to swear out a warrant for him, and came in court with his counsel, Judge N. H. Harrison, and Roy B. Smith. He was placed under bond of \$1,000 for his appearance in the Police Court next Wednesday. Dr. Gregory stated that he was glad the case had taken this turn, as he would now be able to secure full vindication.

## EMPLOYERS STRIKE IN ORDER TO STOP STRIKE

COPENHAGEN, August 9.—Owing to the typographers and other employees in the various printing offices here, except a few men engaged on socialist papers, having started a strike, the employers have decided to declare a general lockout in all departments of labor to-morrow. If a reconciliation is not reached between the employers and men, it is expected, that the newspapers here will suspend publication for at least a fortnight.

## PRIEST KILLED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Motor-Car Jumped Over Hiden Bank and Turned Turtle.

## FIVE CAUGHT UNDER HEAVY MACHINE

Father Vahey's Head Crushed and Owner's Body Mangled by Steering Wheel—Three Occupants of Back Seat Escape Death by Miracle.

TOLEDO, O., August 9.—When an automobile plunged over a steep embankment on the Mitchaw Road, two and a half miles west of Sylvania, this afternoon, Charles Pohlmann, a wealthy Cleveland importer, and merchant tailor, and Father George Vahey, pastor of Columbkills Parish, Cleveland, were instantly killed beneath the car. Mrs. Charles V. Pohlmann, his daughter, Florence, and F. C. Dietzel, a Cleveland dentist, were in the touring car, but were saved from injury by the high back of the tonneau.

The automobile landed at the bottom of the embankment bottomside up. The priest's head was crushed between the edge of the car and a huge stone. Mr. Pohlmann, who was driving the machine, was entangled in the steering gear, the wheel crushing into his chest. Death came to Father Vahey instantly, and Mr. Pohlmann lived less than a minute. Pohlmann's neck was probably broken and his chest crushed. F. C. Dietzel struggled from under the tonneau, assisted the women out, and then examined the bodies of the two men in the front of the car. Realizing the men were dead, the dentist seated the women on the bank and ran half a mile to the home of Stephen Eley, where he found four or five men who were willing to return to the wreck with him. Mrs. Pohlmann refused to leave the scene until the dead body of her husband was released from the wreck.

**Traces Hid. Bank.**  
The party left Cleveland at 3 o'clock Saturday and spent the night in Fremont. They arrived in Toledo at 10 o'clock to-day.

The scene of the accident was two and a half miles west of Sylvania. About twenty feet west of a bridge across a creek is a deep hole in the middle of the road, stretching nearly across it. The hole was full of water, and after crossing the bridge, Mr. Pohlmann guided his machine over to the left side of the road to avoid the hole. The sides of the embankment at that point are thickly lined with small trees, and the party did not realize that the shrubbery concealed a steep bank.

A front wheel of the machine went over the edge of the embankment just as a rear wheel struck the hole in the road. The jumping of the rear wheel in the hole toppled the machine over the embankment.

**Father Vahey Prominent.**  
CLEVELAND, O., August 9.—Rev. George J. Vahey, who with Charles V. Pohlmann was killed in the automobile accident near Sylvania, O., to-day, was one of the best known priests in the State. He was ordained in 1887, and was forty-eight years of age. He came to Cleveland from South Boston, Mass., and became assistant pastor at St. John's Cathedral. Ten years ago he took charge of St. Columbkills Parish, one of the largest in the city.

Mr. Pohlmann was a tailor, forty-five years old.

## STORM KILLS MANY

Toppled Over Chimney, Which Fell on Workmen in House Beneath.

SZEGEDIN, AUSTRIA, August 9.—The thunderstorm which passed over this place Saturday, and during which a large building collapsed, burying a large number of workmen, caused more or less damage to every house in the town. The only loss of life, however, occurred in a hemp factory in course of construction. A tall chimney, which had just been erected, fell on a partially built house, over which a hundred workmen were employed. Many were caught by the falling masonry and buried. Thus far seven dead and thirteen wounded have been taken out. A woman, who was taking lunch to two of her sons employed in the building, was caught under the falling walls and killed.

## CHARLESTON YOUTH CHARGED WITH UTTERING BOGUS CHECKS

NEW YORK, August 9.—On a technical charge in connection with alleged check transactions at a local hotel, a youth described as John D. Messervy, nineteen years old, who the police say has been representing himself as John D. McMahon, secretary to Congressman George S. Legaré, of Charleston, S. C., was held in Police Court to-day in \$1,000 bail, the hearing being adjourned to Tuesday, in order to give the police time to communicate with Charleston and Washington. The police say they have information which leads them to believe that Messervy is the son of a prominent Charleston man.

## GERMAN CRUISER RUNS DOWN SCHOONER; NINE DROWNED

HALIFAX, N. S., August 9.—The Gloucester fishing schooner Maggie and May was run down by the German schooner Freya, sixty miles off Halifax harbor last night, and nine of her crew perished. The Freya arrived here to-day with four survivors from the schooner on board.

The schooner Maggie and May carried a cargo of nineteen men. She was of eight-hundred-tonnage and was owned by G. Dennis, of Gloucester. Captain Frick McEachern, of the Maggie and May, was among those who perished. The eight others were sailors.

**Lewiston Beanstalk Is 18 1/2 Feet.**  
LEWISTON, PA., August 9.—There is a beanstalk in the yard of E. M. Wetzel, No. 47 Montgomery Avenue, that measures eighteen and a half feet long. Wetzel estimates that there are more than three and a half bushels of beans on the stalk.

## CLINGS TO WIFE DYING OF LEPROSY

General Wardwell, Aged and Suffering With Cancer, Waits Upon Her.

## GOVERNMENT CANNOT DEPORT TO MOLOKAI

Surgeon-General of Public Health Explains That Couple Cannot Be Compelled to Move. Mr. Wardwell, Crazed by Disease, Chained to Bed.

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 9.—"Though virtually a part of the United States, the leper colony on isolated Molokai cannot recruit its death-marked population from this country. It is this fact that makes it impossible for government officials to comply with the request of the territorial authorities of Arizona for the speedy deportation of aged Mrs. Gen. Wardwell, whom the terrible disease has claimed for its victim."

According to Dr. H. D. Geddings, assistant surgeon-general of the Bureau of Public Health and Marine Hospital Service, the leper settlement at Molokai is strictly a territorial enterprise, or charity, maintained by the Hawaiian Islands.

There exists neither law nor precedent to warrant the removal of a leper from any State or Territory, however, to the settlement, and Dr. Geddings voices the opinion of the bureau that the Hawaiian health authorities would not approve such a move. The probable correctness of this view is emphasized by the fact that it would be necessary to transport the patient first to Honolulu, there to remain until arrangements could be made for sending her to the colony.

## Dr. Geddings Explains.

"There is a law," stated Dr. Geddings, "that prohibits the transportation of a leper from one State to another, but exception probably could be made in this case were it possible for us to have her deported to Molokai. But we have absolutely no jurisdiction in connection with the authorities of Cochine county of which Tombstone, Arizona, is the county seat. We wired them to effect immediately on receipt of their telegram, and followed this with a more detailed explanation of the reasons for our inability to comply with their request. Dr. Geddings added that the bureau was not even informed of the woman's name, and that no steps had been taken to secure it, inasmuch as the government is powerless to act in the case."

## Act of Devotion.

Mrs. Wardwell's case is an unusually pathetic one. Doomed in her declining years to live an outcast from society and to endure a living death, her mind has given way, and she has gone violently mad. Closely guarded in a lonely spot in Tombstone, her isolation is made doubly secure, for she is kept shackled to her bed post. To make the case more sad, if possible, her feeble husband, who is eighty-six years old, is very weak as the result of an operation for cancer, and unable to minister to the needs of his afflicted mate. With a devotion that challenges the admiration of all mankind, this noble old man insists on remaining with his wife until they are finally parted by death.

It is hardly likely that they will ever leave Tombstone. Mrs. Wardwell has a brother named Albert Cole, now serving a term of six years in prison in Arizona. Governor Kibbey will, it is said, be petitioned to pardon him in order that he may care for the afflicted pair.

## NEGRO KILLS NEGRO IN BASEBALL DISPUTE

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

CHARLOTTE, N. C., August 9.—George Boyd, colored, was shot and instantly killed yesterday on the McElroy farm, in Long Creek township, by Lewis Fletcher, also colored. Fletcher, immediately surrendered to Constable Fegerman, and was brought to the jail here to-day. The negroes had some words over a baseball game some time ago, and when they met yesterday the quarrel was renewed. Fletcher claims that Boyd reached for his hip pocket, and as he did, he, Fletcher, drew his own gun and fired in self defense, killing his man.

## POLICE OFFICERS BEATEN TO DEATH BY THIEVES

METHUEN, MASS., August 9.—Covered with bruises, the bodies of Charles Emerson and Frank McDermott, members of the Methuen police, were found yesterday morning in a ditch near the town. The two officers were sent out last night to watch for chicken and vegetable thieves. They failed to return, and a search was instituted for them. There was every evidence that the two officers were beaten to death.

## FINDS WHITE SNAKE IS TEN FEET LONG

ELLWOOD CITY, PA., August 9.—A white snake was captured near this town yesterday, and is now on exhibit at Dr. S. S. Davidson's office. The snake, which is pure white, has died, but the doctor has preserved it in alcohol. It is more than ten feet long, and its body is very thin in proportion to its length.

Dr. Davidson has refused several offers for the reptile, and says he wishes to keep it as proof of his story.

## WEATHER

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 9.—For Virginia—Partly cloudy and warm. The United States government report says: During the week beginning August 10th, rain will be fairly well distributed throughout the principal agricultural districts and moderate temperature for the season will prevail generally in the United States.

## SOUTHERN ROADS MAXIMIZE RATE

Interstate Commerce Commission to Pass on Question Within a Month

## EXPERTS FIGURE CHARGE AT 7 PER CENT.

Railroads Claim That They Have Not Been Allowed to Reduce Wages, and That Legislation in Various States Has Ruined Their Business.

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 9.—During the next month or six weeks it is probable that the Interstate Commerce Commission will decide upon the question of the reasonableness of the proposed increase of freight rates in Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, Florida and portions of South and North Carolina in the Southeastern territory. The complaint of the Georgia shippers already has been filed with the commission, and the railroads have been given twenty days in which to reply to the charges. The commission's decision will affect the proposed changes throughout the Southeastern territory. The complaint of the Texas Railway Commission probably will be filed to-morrow, and Chairman Knapp has given assurances that an inquiry and decision in the case will be expedited as rapidly as compliance with the law will permit.

Railroads handling the traffic in Arkansas gave notice some time ago of a proposed increase of rates, but failing to comply with the law by giving a satisfactory statement of connecting lines participating in the rates, the notices were returned to them, and has not since been heard from.

The proposed increase of freight rates in the Southern States embraces practically all existing rates proposed throughout the country at this time. The decision of these cases will have an important bearing upon rates generally, as the questions are determined in respect to Southern rates are largely the same as may be urged as the basis of increase elsewhere.

It is said by experts, who have unofficially calculated the percentage of the increase in comparison with the old rates that the proposed increase on class rates from St. Louis to common points in Texas is between 7 and 8 per cent.

There has been no increase in rates from St. Louis and Chicago, Boston, New York and other points in the Middle West and East, the percentage of increase between Texas common points and these sections is less than 7 per cent. It is stated that the Interstate Commerce Commission will have to deal with the proposed increase of rates from St. Louis to Texas points.

**Have Kept Up Wages.**  
The railroads will, it is expected, urge, among other reasons for increasing their rates, that they have been prevented from reducing wages, and they will point to the decision to that effect by Chairman Knapp, of the Interstate Commerce Commission, and Commissioner Neill, of the Bureau of Labor, stating that they have reduced wages in reference to the wages of employees of the Southern Railway. They will point to a reduction of their interstate passenger revenue by the reduction of rates from 3 to 2 cents a mile in Texas and from 2 to 1 1/2 cents a mile in other Southern States. It is expected that specific instances of increases in both wages and cost of material since the old rates went into effect will be alleged, and that on some branch lines doing an interstate business, the railroads have had to reduce freight rates by State enactments.

Both in the case of the complaint of the Georgia shippers and the State Railroad Commission of Texas, there will be a strenuous effort to prevent an increase in rates, which will be given. All representations, whether of the railroads or of the complainants, will be scrutinized very carefully, so that the facts will be fully established.

## Appeal to President.

President Roosevelt has been appealed to by Senator Culberson, of Texas, in an effort to restrain the railroads from putting the new rates into effect in that State, and Mr. Roosevelt has referred the matter to the Attorney-General. In the meantime the Texas and the Oklahoma State Railway Commissions will file separate complaints with the Interstate Commerce Commission to-morrow.

Following several conferences, in which Senator Culberson, Chairman Allison Mayfield, of the Texas Railroad Commission, Claude Pollard, Assistant Attorney-General of Texas, and Chairman Love, of the Oklahoma commission, advised by Chairman Knapp and Commissioner Clements, of the Interstate Commerce Commission, Senator Culberson forwarded a telegram to President Roosevelt at Oyster Bay on Friday, stating that the hearing in the Texas case before the commission was held to-day.

## KING TO MEET EMPERORS

Will Explain to Germany and Austria the Recent English Policy.

LONDON, August 9.—King Edward will leave to-morrow afternoon on his annual visit to Marienbad, where he will reside for his long and arduous duties during one of the most strenuous seasons London has witnessed in years.

Exceptional interest is taken in the trip, as King Edward will meet Emperor William at Cronberg, Prussia, and Emperor Francis Joseph at Tesch, Austria, Wednesday, on the way to his favorite watering place. That the visits to the two emperors will not be wholly private in character is suggested by the fact that Sir Charles Harcourt, permanent under-secretary to the Foreign Office, who always accompanies the King on diplomatic missions, will be present on both occasions. King Edward's aim, it is believed, is to endeavor to convince the German and Austrian emperors that the British policy is not aimed at the isolation or injury of any other power.

## DISASTER STOLE HIS REASON

Engineer a Maniac After Fatal Railroad Accident.

WILKESBARRE, August 9.—Brooding over an accident in which his fireman was killed, and holding himself to blame for the same, John Bonavitch, of Kingston, near here, one of the best-known engineers on the Lackawanna Railroad, was to-day committed to the insane asylum at Danville. Bonavitch has charge of a switching engine in the yards at Washington, N. J. About a month ago his engine collided with another engine in the yards, and in the wreck which resulted James H. Hulse, a New York man, who was Bonavitch's fireman, was badly injured that he died the next day.

The accident, and especially the death of his fireman, so preyed upon the mind of the engineer that he fled from Washington and nothing was heard of him for three weeks, or until a week ago, when he appeared at his home, in Kingston, a raving maniac.

## SHAH A PRISONER

Tribesmen, Summoned to Protect Him, Have Killed in Camp.

ST. PETERSBURG, August 9.—Special dispatches received here from Tcheran, give a tragic-comic description of the position of the Shah of Persia, who is virtually a prisoner in the hands of wild tribesmen summoned to Tcheran to protect the throne against the revolutionaries, but who have become a greater menace to the monarch than his other foes. The tribesmen are extravagant in their demands for money, which the Shah is unable to grant, and they threaten to destroy the palace and pillage Tcheran. The \$250,000 secured from the Russian bank recently as a loan on the crown jewels is already exhausted. General Likhoff's Cossacks are unable to make any headway against the tribesmen, who refuse to permit the Shah to leave the camp at Badeshafor for Soltanabad, where the harem is now staying.

Famine is reported to be imminent in southern Persia, and this promises to bring about a crisis in political affairs in the autumn.

## CATHOLICS IN BOSTON

America Federation Meets With 3,000 Members Present.

BOSTON, MASS., August 9.—With a solemn high mass sung in the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, the seventh national convention of the American Federation of Catholic Societies, opened in this city to-day. The delegates, fully 3,000 people in attendance.

The sermon was delivered by Archbishop O'Connell, and seated in the sanctuary were Bishop James A. McFaul, of Trenton, N. J., and Bishop Regis Canevin, of Newburg, N. Y., besides several monsignors and some fifty visiting priests.

The delegates gathered again to-night at Symphony Hall, to receive the official welcome to the State and city. Judge M. J. Murray, of Boston, presided.

Addresses of welcome were delivered by Lieutenant-Governor Eben S. Draper, for the State, and by Mayor George A. Hibbard, for the city. Archbishop O'Connell spoke for the church.

## POPE PRAISES TAFT.

If Elected President, Says Pontiff, Will Be Right Man in Right Place.

ROME, August 9.—In the audience Cardinal Gibbons had to-day with the Pope the name of W. H. Taft was mentioned.

The Pope showed how much he appreciated Mr. Taft's eminent qualities, how many questions he asked of the Catholic Church in the Philippines, and in Cuba only had been settled through the broad-mindedness of the former Secretary of War.

"If, as seems probable," said the Pope, "an elected president will be elected the case of the right man in the right place."

## HOUSE BUILT IN SILENCE

Every Stroke of Work Done by Deaf Mutes.

BLOOMSBURG, PA., August 9.—Like Solomon's Temple, the residence here of Samuel Andrews, of this place, was built in silence. The new house, a mute, and every stroke of work on the house, from laying the foundation to installing the plumbing, has been done by mutes, friends of Andrews, who live elsewhere in the State.

## GIRL SMASHED HIS FACE IN CROWDED STREET

FREELAND, PA., August 9.—John Dushek, a prosperous young merchant of this place, was publicly mugged in the face on the main street to-day by Miss Edith Farrar, a beautiful young society girl.

The incident, an echo of a society dance conducted at the public park pavilion Wednesday evening, when Miss Farrar and three girl friends allege they were subjected to indignities through the committee of arrangements for the dance. Miss Farrar, accompanied by a girl friend, started in search of Dushek, who had been chairman of the committee. She accosted him in front of the First National Bank and demanded a public apology.

What he said is not known, but Miss Farrar, raising her voice above the merry din of the promenaders that crowded the sidewalk, said: "I will compel an apology; you are dealing with the wrong girl."

Without further ceremony she slapped his face. He attempted to retreat, but the girl sprang forward like an enraged tigress and struck him again with all her strength. He staggered backward, his reason, his balance and dexterity through the crowd, closely followed by Miss Farrar, who landed hard with her right and left straight from the shoulder. He escaped by entering a cafe, and Miss Farrar, who was a reluctant halt on its threshold.

Miss Farrar is a stately brunette of twenty. She is a daughter of the late Professor Farrar, a veteran of the Civil War and former principal of the thorough school. She is a graduate of a ladies' seminary and an advocate of physical culture for girls.

## American Murdered in Tripoli.

ALTONA, PA., August 9.—George Azar, of this city, was killed near the city of Tripoli, Syria, July last, to which place he had gone three months ago to settle his father's estate.

The report received here, as it was said, that Azar, who was a powerful man, became involved in an altercation with a local fighter, and got the better of him. They parted friends, but later when Azar, by invitation, went to the fighter's home, he was shot and killed. The United States authorities will be asked to investigate.

## STRIKING MINERS, FIRING ON TRAIN, KILL 3; WOUND 11

Murder Took Place While the Cars Were Passing Through Cut.

## HAD BLOCKED TRACK TO STOP ENGINE

Train, Guarded by Deputies and Soldiers, Was Carrying Non-Union Men to Mines—Bloodhounds Track Criminals to Quarters and Eight Negroes Arrested.

IRMINGHAM, ALA., August 9.—Three men were instantly killed and eleven injured, two of whom will probably die, when striking miners fired into a passenger train on the Birmingham Mineral Railroad at Blocton this morning about 2 o'clock. The dead:

Conductor Joe T. Collins.  
O. Z. Dent, deputy sheriff.  
Willard Howell, non-union miner.  
The injured:

Major F. H. Dodge, superintendent of safety, Tennessee Coal Company, wounded in hand and leg; E. E. Cox, superintendent of mines, Tennessee Coal Company, slightly wounded in knee; A. E. Cross, chief clerk, superintendent's office, wounded in arm and knee; J. C. Johnson, deputy sheriff, slightly wounded in side; A. C. Bryant, deputy sheriff, slightly wounded in side; J. B. Cornett, deputy sheriff, wounded in